



Press Release

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USAID's Development Partners Program disbursed US\$1.8 million for Bolivia

With the four new agreements, 45 organizations will be working in community health projects. PROSALUD administers this donation, which is part of the comprehensive cooperation effort of the U. S. Government on behalf of Bolivia.

USAID signed today four new cooperation agreements in the area of health with community organizations of La Paz and Cochabamba, which will disburse over \$100,000 as part of the Development Partners program. Including these agreements, USAID has signed 45 agreements that total US\$1.8 million to be disbursed throughout the country.

La Paz Foundation received 30 thousand dollars to undertake communication and education projects aimed at benefiting mothers and women in reproductive age in District 4 of the city of La Paz.

Community and Family Center was benefited with US\$25,000 to carry out a program on child survival focused on more than 3,500 children under five years of age of Pucarani municipality in the department of La Paz.

SERVIR NGO will work on sexual and reproductive health programs in the area of Yungas and will receive US\$19,000 to that end.

Finally, San Simon University of Cochabamba will receive US\$30,000 to be used in the improvement of hygiene and health conditions in Jankocala community, in Cochabamba.

Following the signing of the agreements, USAID Director Liliana Ayalde said to the organizations' representatives that: "Achieving a higher life quality is not always easy, but when the communities become involved and assume responsibility and leadership, positive and enduring changes can be attained. That is what you are achieving."

Development Partners program is part of the overall cooperation program (directed towards private and community organizations) of the Government of the United States of America on behalf of Bolivia. It is managed by PROSALUD and seeks to promote and strengthen better health community practices in the Bolivian population, especially among women and children.

The program emphasizes activities in health education, empowerment of women, food security, sickness prevention and environmental health, among others.

Through this initiative, USAID has planned to invest, through competitive selection processes, US\$6.6 million in projects of technical cooperation, training and support of community organizations, NGOs and municipalities.